



Postmark Atlanta  
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583  
March 2022 Newsletter

Confirming March 7 MONDAY meeting at Manuel's Tavern, 602 North Highland Ave. NE, Atlanta. This is just a block from our previous Java Vina meeting location. We will have the "back room" which is to the right when you enter the front door. There are a couple of lots marked for Manual Tavern parking.

We will continue our Third MONDAY as a "virtual" Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting hosted by member Lloyd Nutter. Lloyd sends out a Zoom invitation a couple days before the meeting. If you do not get an invitation for the meetings, please contact Lloyd to make sure he adds you to his list. Emailing him: [trains56@charter.net](mailto:trains56@charter.net). Also, if you need to test how Zoom works, Lloyd will be glad to give you a test. library article to page better. Expand Fred Danes item.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 5                      Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn, GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.
- March 5-6                      KnoxPex Country Music 2022, Knoxville Philatelic Society, Rothchild Catering & Conference center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN. <https://www.knoxstamps.com/>
- March 7                      Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club meeting and auction at Manuel's Tavern.
- March 19-20                      Nashville Stamp and Postcard Show, Nashville Philatelic Society, Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave, Gallatin, TN. <http://nashvillephilatelic.org/>
- March 21                      Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting. Presentation by Colin Clark on "A Stroll through GB Postal History: THE VICTORIANS"
- March 26 – 27                      SPRINGPEX 2022, Springfield Philatelic Society, John R Lewis High School, 6540 Franconia Rd. (VA Rte644E) Springfield, VA.
- April 4                      Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club meeting and auction at Manuel's Tavern.

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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting with presentation by Douglas

August 25 – 28, 2022 Great American Stamp Show. SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, 1400 J St.  
Sacramento, California <http://www.stamps.org/GASS>

Be sure to confirm the COVID protocols for upcoming shows.

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ANNOUNCING the **2022 ATA virtual** one-page exhibition:

The **ATA** is hosting the 2022 “**My One-Page Exhibit!**”, and all the details can be found at the link below:

<https://www.ataexhibits.com/>

The closing date to send your one-page exhibit to the **ATA**, through the website, is **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**.

The exhibits will be displayed on the **ATA** website for all viewers to see from **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2022**. The exhibit displays will close for viewing on **October 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**, at the end of National Stamp Collecting Month.

NOTE: This will **not** be a judged exhibition, or one where viewers can vote on a most favorite. It's simply an opportunity to get your philatelic gems and research out into the public view.

Exhibit for **FREE**. Create a one-page exhibit and join the **FUN**.

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## WE HAVE A WINNER

The results of the latest All About Stamps competition have been decided, and the winner of the prestigious trophy, and a Penny Black stamp courtesy of Andrew Vaughan Philatelics, is Colin Clark for his entry 'Surfing the Victorian Web'.

<https://www.allaboutstamps.co.uk/virtual-events/stamp-displays/penny-black-competition-results/>

August 2020 Postmark Atlanta newsletter included PDF of the article this exhibit was based on.

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Fred Danes mentioned The Stamp Forum as a discussion area at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The site is <https://thestampforum.boards.net>

You can scroll through the site and find many subjects discussed with multiple threads. I found there was a thread with Butterfly stamps posted in the Thematic area.

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY RESOURCES

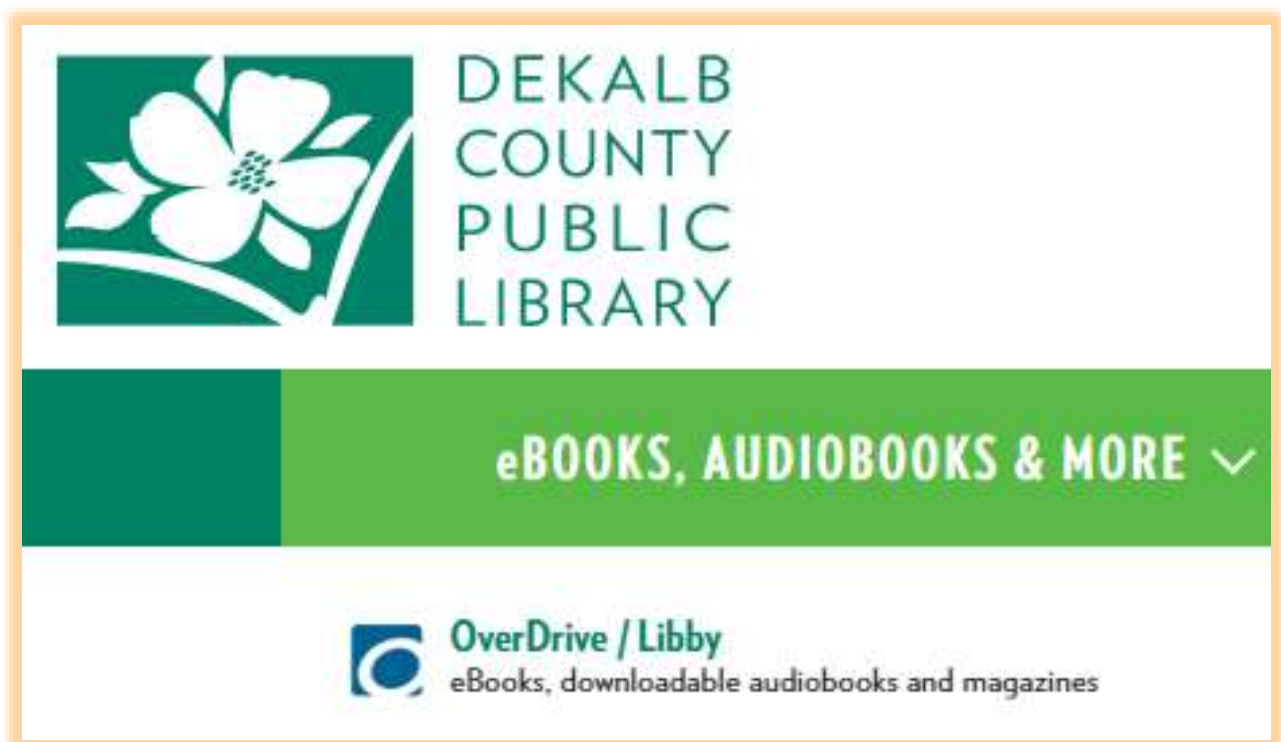
By Colin Clark

*The public library is the great equalizer.* – **Keith Richards**

An often overlooked resource for philatelic reading materials is your local community county public library system. In this virtual age, it's not just physical books and magazines off the shelf, but also electronic-copies.

The example below is from the **DeKalb County Public Library** system (Georgia). If you are a resident of DeKalb County, you should be eligible to obtain a library card. Using their website, you can then set up an account to access materials on-line. The website link is:

<https://www.dekalblibrary.org/>



**Figure 1. STEP 1:** You can get to the electronic borrowing section by clicking the option **eBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS & MORE**. Then click the **OverDrive / Libby** option.



**Figure 2. STEP 2:** You can **Sign in** from the **OverDrive / Libby** page (image above). Once signed in, you can use the **OverDrive / Libby** function to personally **Search** for stamp items. As an example, you can **Search** using the word “**stamp**”, and part of the result of the search is **Stamp Collector** magazine.

**Figure 3. STEP 3:** You can **BORROW** this e-copy magazine, with additional monthly issues available, from the current monthly issue, backwards to December 2019.

**Conclusion:** Why not look at your local county public library system, such as Fulton or Gwinnett, to see what electronic philatelic publications they have on offer for free. You might be surprised.

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American Topical Association starts its virtual Zoom programs. To register go to <https://americantopical.org/events>. Additional programs are

“**Discovering the World of Umbrellas and Parasols**” on March 19 t 2:00 pm  
“**The Great Sphinx of Egypt – a Story in Stamps**” on March 15 at 6:00 pm  
“**Topical Tales of Alaska**” on March 26 at 2:00 pm

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## **Rattlesnake Island Local Post**

**by Steve Swain**

Rattlesnake Island is located in Lake Erie, 11 miles off the coast of Port Clinton, Ohio. The island is the location of the only USPS-sanctioned airmail local post operating in the United States, existing from 1966 to 1989 and from 2005 to 2013.

James P. Frackelton, M.D., a joint owner of the island, decided to start the local post after repeated applications to the Post Office Department for mail service were declined.

From 1966 through 1989, Island Airlines in Port Clinton, using a 1928 Ford Tri-Motor flew the mail from Rattlesnake Island to Port Clinton, where it was put into the mail stream. From 2005 through 2009, Griffing Air Service in Sandusky, Ohio, transported the mail.

Rattlesnake Island stamps were almost always issued in sets of three for postcards, letters, and parcels. The original values were 5¢, 10¢, and 25¢, respectively. The 2009 values were 25¢, 50¢, and \$1.00, respectively. From 1966 through 2009, 186 stamps were issued.

The local post was launched on August 27, 1966. Three rectangular stamps were printed. They depicted a map of the area, a Ford Tri-Motor approaching the island and a boat and dock.



But there were restrictions on local post stamps and markings. The stamps could not resemble U.S. stamps, the stamps could not be placed in the upper right of the envelope, the cancellations could not resemble U.S. cancellations, and U.S. postage must also be affixed to the envelope.

As such, the U.S. Post Office objected to the use of the rectangular format as they looked too much like regular U.S. postage stamps. Thus, the stamps were withdrawn on December 8, 1966. From December 9, 1966, until January 22, 1967, mail from the island did not have any local postage stamps.

To solve the problem, it was decided to reissue the set in a triangular format which was quite acceptable to the Post Office. The new set was issued on January 23, 1967.



Additional Rattlesnake Island stamps are seen on the three covers presented below.







Most Rattlesnake Island stamps are still easy to locate, but there are some issues which are quite hard to find.

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All prior newsletters of the club are available on our club web-site. To access the Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club's website page (per the below image):

1. Enter sefsc.org in your browser.
2. From the main top-of-page menu, hover over Stamp Clubs.
3. Hover over Georgia.
4. Click Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club.



### Member Dealers?

Are there any members who are using web-sites to sell stamps? We would like to include information in the newsletter about your site or link.

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There are online Stamp Chat events sponsored by American Philatelic Society using Zoom. You can see the archive of StampChat programs and register for upcoming chats at this link: <https://stamps.org/news/sc/stampchats/p/1>

There were many Stamp Chats recorded once we all locked down and it may be easier for you to access on the APS Presents YouTube channel. There are also Stamp Stories and Behind the Scenes at APS videos. The variety of subjects now available is amazing. <https://www.youtube.com/user/AmericasStampClub> is the link to check out all the programs. Maybe one of our members would like to host a presentation and include one of these videos.

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Look for details on the GwinnPex Spring 2022 Stamp Show. Planning is underway for late April or early May. Details will be posted in this newsletter as soon as everything is confirmed. If you are interested in reserving a table as a dealer contact Allen Johnson [ajr1957@yahoo.com](mailto:ajr1957@yahoo.com).

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If you are interested in writing for our newsletter or presenting to our club at one of our monthly meetings, please contact me at the email below or Scott Holmberg at [sdholmberg1@gmail.com](mailto:sdholmberg1@gmail.com) with your ideas.

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